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1. The Sinking Communist Military Control Commission has decided to enlist or conscript 10,000 troops to reinforce Communist armies participating in the southwest drive, and is now conscripting in the Yangchou (119-27, 32-24) area.
2. Because of the shortage of government personnel, the Communists are now registering ex-Kuomintang employees, who may be re-employed if considered young enough to change their loyalties.

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3. There are indications that the recent rise in the price of rice has been purposely encouraged by the Chinese Communist government, probably for one of the following reasons:
 - a. The Communists believe that farm purchasing power is too low in terms of cloth.
 - b. The rice price boost will mean added revenue from new taxes figured on the basis of the rice price.
4. This encouragement, added to the normal Shanghai and Yangchou buying, would explain the unusual rise in price.

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